

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE**  
**BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

In support of Georgia's application for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health believes that ALL Georgia's children birth to age five deserve to receive high quality early childhood care and educational experiences in settings that are safe and healthy; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health acknowledges that research clearly supports that over 90 percent of a child's brain is developed between birth and age five making those early years critically important in laying a solid foundation on which a child's social, emotional, mental, physical, and academic development will be built; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Health recognizes that the most efficient way to improve the quality of early learning and development to prepare Georgia's children to enter Kindergarten is to integrate and align services, resources, and policies among all state entities that serve Georgia's youngest citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Community Health strongly supports Georgia's application for the Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge and the work described therein to create and implement a comprehensive, coordinated system of early childhood education and care to improve the quality of early learning experiences for all children to help ensure their school readiness and to help close the achievement gap for children with high needs in Georgia.

Resolved this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, in public session.

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**CHAIR**  
**BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**

**ATTEST:**

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**SECRETARY**  
**BOARD OF COMMUNITY HEALTH**